

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

5. (Amended) The laminate as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1, wherein the metal layer is constituted of one or more metals selected from the group consisting of aluminum, nickel, copper, iron and alloys of them.

6. (Amended) The laminated as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 5] claim 1, wherein the surface-treated layer is constituted of a chemically treated layer.

7. (Amended) The laminated as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 6] claim 1, wherein the primer coating layer is that of thermosetting type based on epoxy, urethane, epoxy-urethane, imine, titanate, polyester or silane.

8. (Amended) The laminated as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 7] claim 1, wherein the adhesive resin is a graft-modified polyolefin resin obtained by graft-copolymerizing a polyolefin resin with an ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid.

14. (Amended) A seal film for sealing the electrolyte of battery or a protection film for protecting the electrode part of battery, which film is made from the laminate as claimed in [any one of claims 1, 2 and 5 to 9] claim 1.

15. (Amended) A battery comprising a seal film for sealing the electrolyte of battery or a protection film for protecting the electrode part of battery, which film is made from the laminate as claimed in [any one of claims 1, 2 and 5 to 9] claim 1.

16. (Amended) A seal film or sealing the electrolyte of secondary battery or a protection film for protecting the electrode part of secondary battery, which film is made from the laminate as claimed in [any one of claims 3 to 9] claim 3.

17. (Amended) A secondary battery comprising a seal film for sealing the electrolyte of secondary battery or a protection film for protecting the electrode part of secondary battery, which film is made from the laminate as claimed in [any one of claims 3 to 9] claim 3.

20. (Amended) The flexible package as claimed in [18 or 19] claim 18, wherein the metal layer is constituted of one or more metals selected from the group consisting of aluminum, nickel, copper, iron and alloys of them.

21. (Amended) The flexible package as claimed in [any one of claims 18 to 20] claim 18, wherein the surface-treated layer is constituted of a chemically treated layer.

22. (Amended) The flexible package as claimed in [any one of claims 18 to 21] claim 18, wherein the primer coating layer is that of thermosetting type based on epoxy, urethane, epoxy-urethane, imine, titanate, polyester or silane.

23. (Amended) The flexible package as claimed in [any one of claims 18 to 22] claim 18, wherein the adhesive resin is a graft-modified polyolefin resin obtained by graft-copolymerizing a polyolefin resin with an ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid.